



W/E 27th Jan 2023

### The Fortnightly

Issue 7

'Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.' Ephesians 4:25



## Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/carer,

I do hope that you prefer the new look newsletter in this Sway style. Feedback will always be gratefully received. Last week, during worship, Mrs Wason announced that only 45 children had taken part in the weekly TTRS challenge. That is disappointing especially as learning times tables is so important to the children. I have sent a number of challenges out over the last few weeks and I am always up for being challenged myself. The record score to beat at the moment is about 70 but any score is a good one. Compared to many schools, we set minimal homework to include My Maths and TTRS so we would expect all children to participate with your support please.

This edition of the Fortnightly didn't quite get to you on Friday. The reason being that I was having a great time with the children at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. The concert on Friday was the last this year at the arena and the 80th concert in total since Young Voices came into being. Although a long day, it was an amazing experience. We also became recording artists ourselves, recording a charity single with Heather Small of M People fame. A huge thank you to Mrs Ferguson and Cecillia. Without them, attendance at the event would not be possible. Your support is also vital and it was great to see so many of you in attendance at the arena. As Mrs Wilson, Tweeted, *'More Primary School memories made.'*

I have mentioned the PTFA Silent DISCO within the news and again I would like to thank the volunteers who give up their time to support the children, ensuring that events are planned to raise fund for future experiences. You will soon hear more about events planned for the remainder of the year. As you know, I have had to make the decision to call a day on after school activities for the second hour on a Monday and Friday. These sessions were not well attended and therefore could not continue. I will keep on liaising with CSD in the hope other activities are well attended. Please do make the most of the after school provision. In order to continue it does need your support. Basketball, Gym and football clubs are very popular and I am hoping that the lighter nights will see more children attending clubs during spring 2...

You will have received a number of communications with regards to a new Tuesday lunchtime choir that begins this week. In order to cover costs, a small charge of £1.50 is required. Please do encourage children to sign up and take part. There will be many events during the year during which the children can perform to others.

Thank you for reading this latest Sway newsletter. Just a reminder that you can tap onto a photo on a stack to then look at the next one.....Mr Scott

## Safeguarding



As always, please contact Mr Scott [head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk) or Mrs Wilson [c.wilson@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:c.wilson@cottingham.pdet.org.uk) if you have a safeguarding query or concern. Further information can also be found at [Safeguarding - Cottingham Primary](#)

### Epi-Pens/Inhalers

It is parent's responsibility to ensure all Epi -pens/Inhalers are in date. If you are not sure please contact school office. Please do this TODAY! Children who require an Epi-Pen should have two in school at any time.

### GDPR

### Privacy Notices

The latest Privacy Notices can be found on the school website [www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk)

### Photos

Please let the school office know if you **DO NOT** want photographs of your child taken and used in the newsletter, twitter or any other social media. Please **DO** let us know.

## Our School Day



### Our School Day

School at Cottingham CofE starts at **8:45am** for children to come in to school and begin their learning. A member of staff will always be available to speak to you at the school gates during our '**Meet and Greet**'.

This is a good opportunity to pass on any information for the class teacher or just to say a quick '**Hi**'. Children in KS2 are invited to take part in the 'Daily Mile' before register. The total compulsory time that children are at school is 32hours and 30mins per week. Please do ensure that children are ready to start the day from gate opening at **08:45am**.

### Break

10:50 - 11:05

### **Lunch**

12:05 - 1:05

### **Collective Worship**

Whole school collective worship takes place on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at **2:45pm**. Classes have their own collective worship on a Tuesday and Thursday. Friday is our time to celebrate achievements and parents are always welcome from **2:30pm**.

### **End of day**

The end of the day's learning is **3:15pm**. Please note that this is the end of the day time and not necessarily the time that children will leave the classroom. We appreciate your patience when collection children at the end of the school day.

## **Forest School**



We are thrilled to have our very own qualified Forest School lead (Mrs Nicholson). That will be something that a lot of schools are jealous of I am sure. At this time of year, the water may have iced but the children will still attend their Forest School sessions. Learning how to cope in the cold is such an important skill. Children soon realise that standing around is not going to warm them up. They have so many activities to take part in that will keep them warm. We are hoping to extend the offer of Forest School to more children over time. For now, all of the Reception children have a chance to learn lots of new skills that can only aid their learning back in class.







## Parking



Please see the letter/email below that I received recently. I replied to the local resident inviting him to discuss the matter further to me but as yet have had no reply. It is frustrating to receive such an email as I do feel the situation is very much avoidable. I did also reply to explain that a number of residents do park on the grass verges themselves. As I have done before, please do help us to avoid such emails by parking in a considerate and safe manner. It is still surprising that parents/carers/residents still park on corners or even across the zebra crossing which is unacceptable and avoidable.

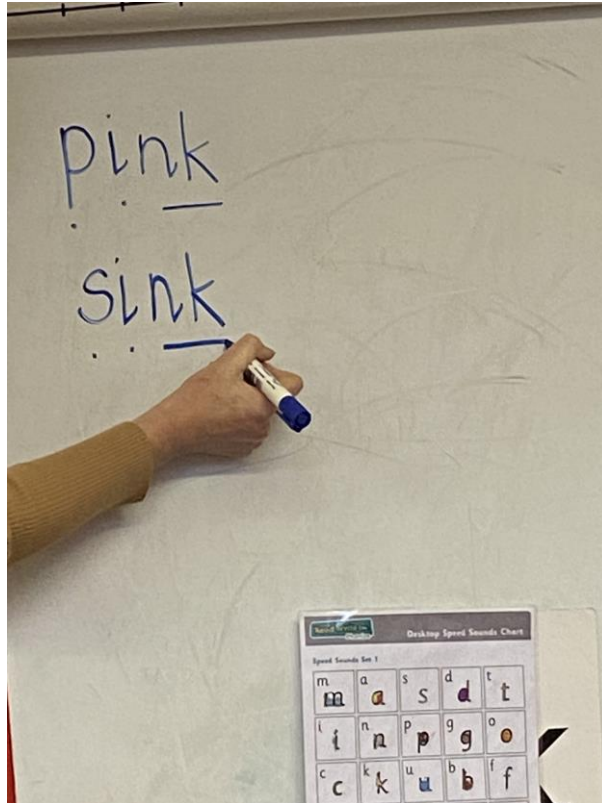
*... I am emailing to express our disappointment of the lack of respect shown by the parents/guardians of the school children attending Cottingham Primary school. Each morning and afternoon the drivers of some vehicles are parking on the grass verge on the corner of Main Street, Cottingham and the grass is being churned up and destroyed. There are deep tyre tracks where vehicles continually park on the soft grass verge and it is unsightly and will take time for it to recover. This is showing a lack of respect to the residents and community of Cottingham. I am sure these drivers don't park their vehicles on their own lawns. Would it be possible for the school to raise this issue with the parents either by letter, email or something on your news letter letting them know that there are many residents unhappy with the situation. I look forward to your response....*

## Phonics

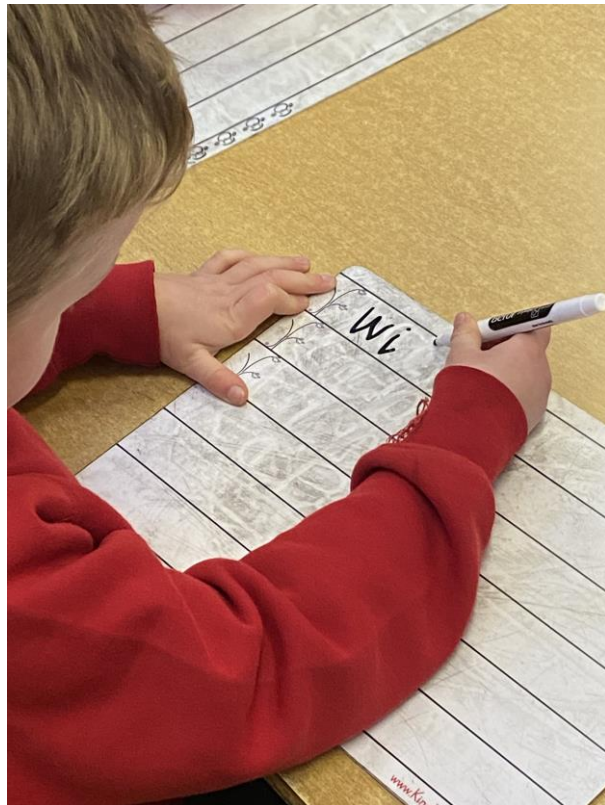
In Willow and Ash class. Phonics groups begin their work from 9:00 each day. The children are in small groups and each receive a tailored approach to their phonics. The staff team meet on a regular basis and ensure that the groupings are very fluid. As you will see in these pictures, the children are able to make good progress that will have a positive impact upon their learning all through the school. Any extra reading/phonics work at home will also benefit the children. Less each day is better than one burst now and again. If you ever have any questions regarding phonics, please do ask Mrs Delo/Wilson for further information.

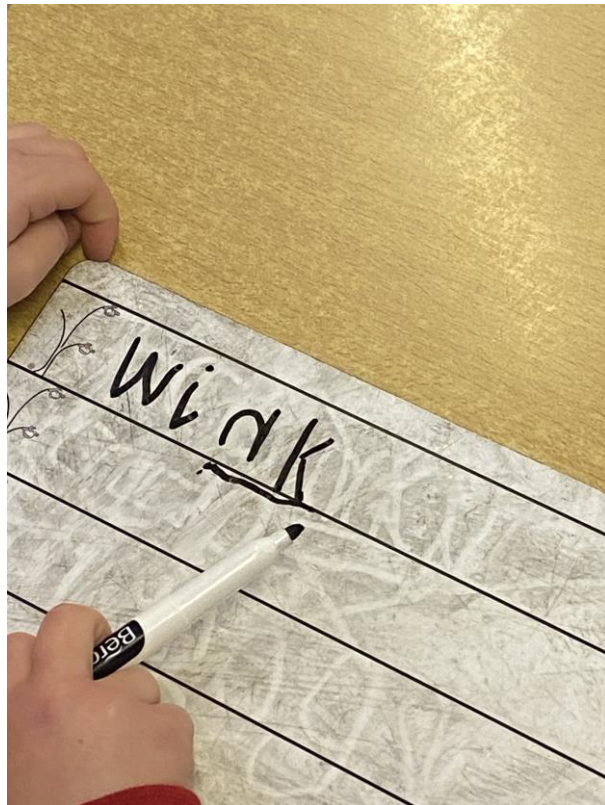


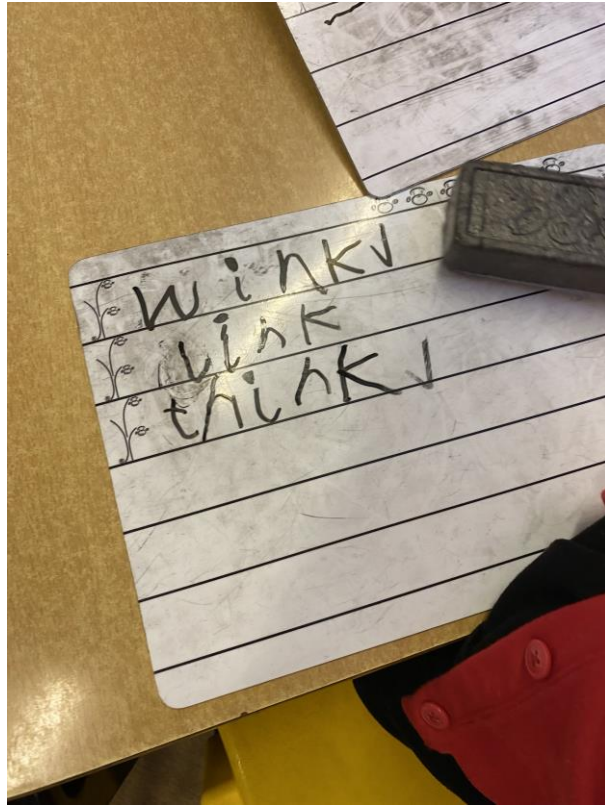














## Governors Update



My name is Ben Jeffs and I am a Parent Governor at Cottingham C of E Primary School. I have two children at Cottingham – Hollie who is in Beech class and Steven who is in Ash class.

I joined the ACG in June 2019 and really enjoy my role. I was previously a School Governor with another school so have experience of what is expected in my role.

Part of my role is to produce monitoring reports. These are certain topics that are reviewed by Governors and any relevant feedback / questions provided.

We also review Policies and again any feedback is provided

These are reviewed and discussed at AGC Meetings.

If any parents / carers have any concerns, then please feel free to contact me. My email address is [b.jeffs@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:b.jeffs@cottingham.pdet.org.uk) where I will be happy to discuss any issues / concerns etc





## Magnificent Minds



Children in the Magnificent Mind Team (MMT) are doing a fantastic job of being wellbeing role models in school. They look out for each other and other children. The MMT meet regularly to discuss ideas and can often be seen in the playground organising activities.

Mental Health Awareness Week commences on **Monday 6th February - Friday 10th February**. To promote a healthy body, children are invited to walk to school each morning meeting at the **Spread Eagle Pub @ 08.40 hrs** and walking to school alongside MMT and staff members. In addition to this, children will be offered a healthy fruit snack at breaktimes.

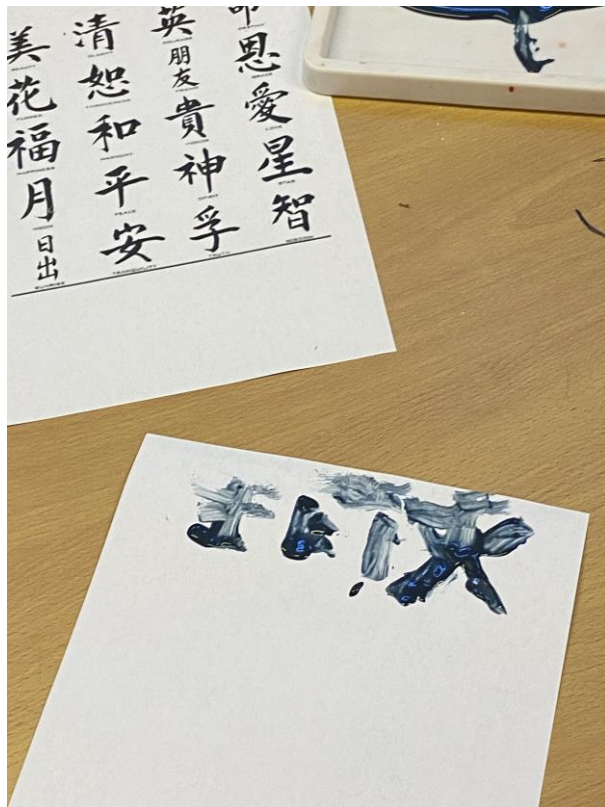
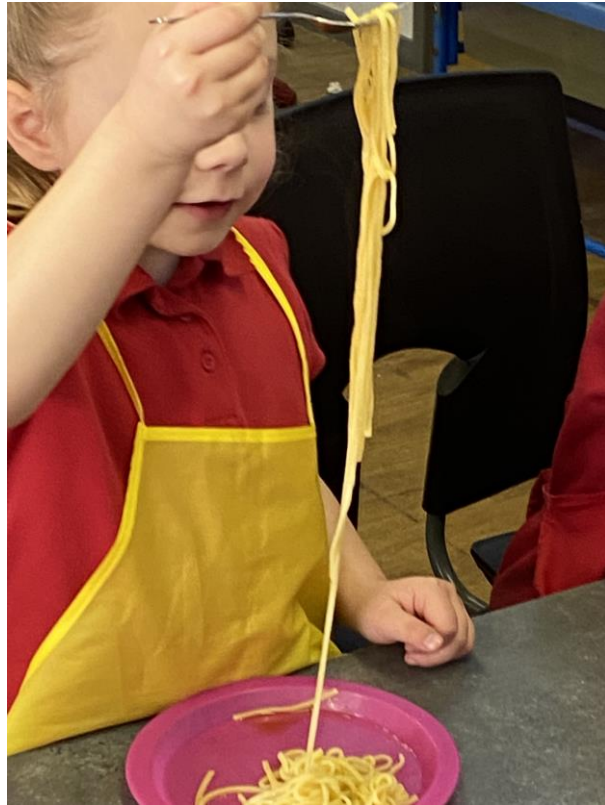
## Chinese Festival

Ash and Willow class enjoyed a Chinese Festival day. With authentic music in the background, the children enjoyed their noodles and a range of other activities including Chinese writing and dragon puppet making. It was great to see the new kitchen area being used exactly as it was intended. As you can see in the pictures, the children certainly enjoyed their noodles and soy sauce. Their noodle eating skills were certainly put to the test.















## Award Winners

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# Headteacher's

**AWARD**

*Living the Cottingham CofE values each day.*

Presented to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





Well done to all of the latest Headteacher award winners...



Presented to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

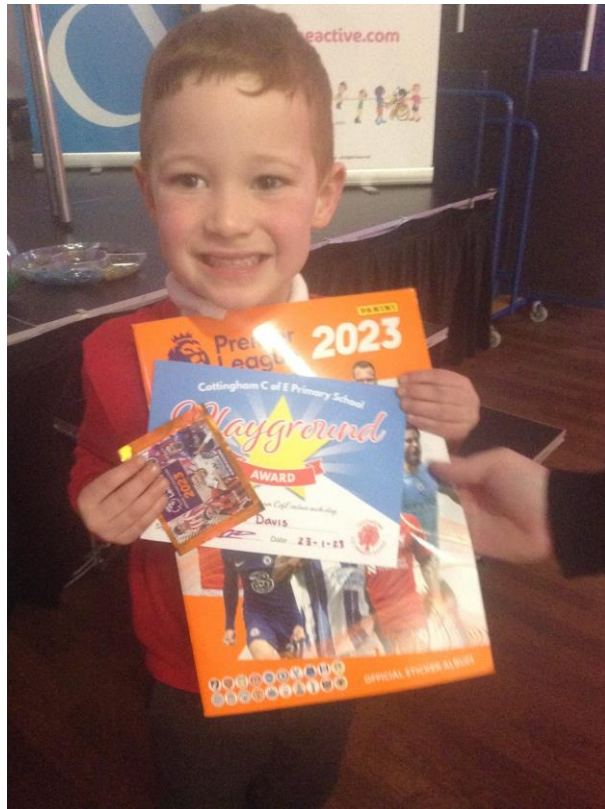






Well done to all of the latest Star of the Week award winners...







Well done to all of the latest Playground award winners...

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# Wonderful Writer

Presented to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Well done to all of the latest Wonderful Writers...

## KS2 CHOIR

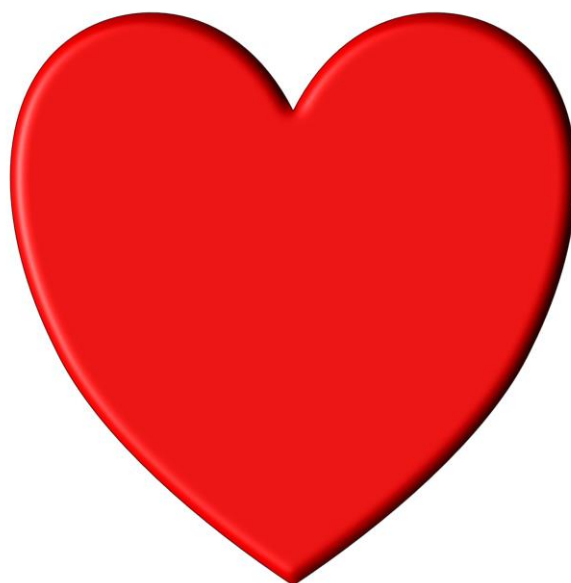


Children in KS2 will have received a letter informing you/them of our New Choir opportunity starting soon. If you did not receive the letter then please do ask for another at the office. Cecillia is again running a lunchtime choir for all children in KS2. This will begin after Young Voices. There is a weekly charge of just £1.50 which is payable via Parentmail. In order for children to attend, please make full payment for the term or if weekly, please do pay by the Friday. Once the choir is up and running, we will look at taking the children to perform in various events. Hopefully the children will want to join the choir and sing with their friends.

Year 4 children from all schools within PDET will be performing in a **'Big Sing'** event at the Corby Cube. A date for your diary is Tuesday 20th June! Ticket information and timings etc will be coming your way soon!



## Love 2 Lunch



Love2Lunch for KS1 is on **Friday 10th February** - please do send in your RSVP slips and food orders as requested. KS2 Love2Lunch will be on **Friday 10th March**. Letters will go home before half-term.

## Term Dates



### Academic Year 2022 to 2023

The term dates for the 2022 to 2023 academic year have now been confirmed.

#### Term 1

Thursday 1 September 2022

Friday 21 October 2022

**Term 2**

Monday 31 October 2022

Friday 16 December 2022

**Term 3**

Tuesday 3 January 2023

Friday 10 February 2023

**Term 4**

Monday 20 February 2023

Thursday 30 March 2023

**Term 5**

Monday 17 April 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

**Term 6**

Monday 5 June 2023

Friday 21 July 2023

**INSET Days 2022 to 2023**

- **Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022**
- **Monday 31st October 2022**
- **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**
- **Friday 31st March 2023**

**Additional Bank Holiday**

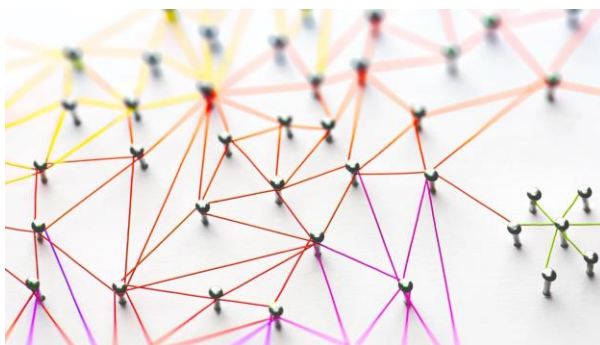
An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8th May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

**Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:**

- **Tuesday 9th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)**
- **Wednesday 10th May: English reading paper**
- **Thursday 11th May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)**

**Friday 12th May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)**

## Communications



Please be reminded that all staff now access their new email addresses which take the same form as the children's TEAMS user names that can also double up as email addresses. For any initial communications regarding any matter, please contact class teachers or the school office. Please see email addresses below:

[office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

[n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

[c.wilson@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:c.wilson@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

[e.hurn@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:e.hurn@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

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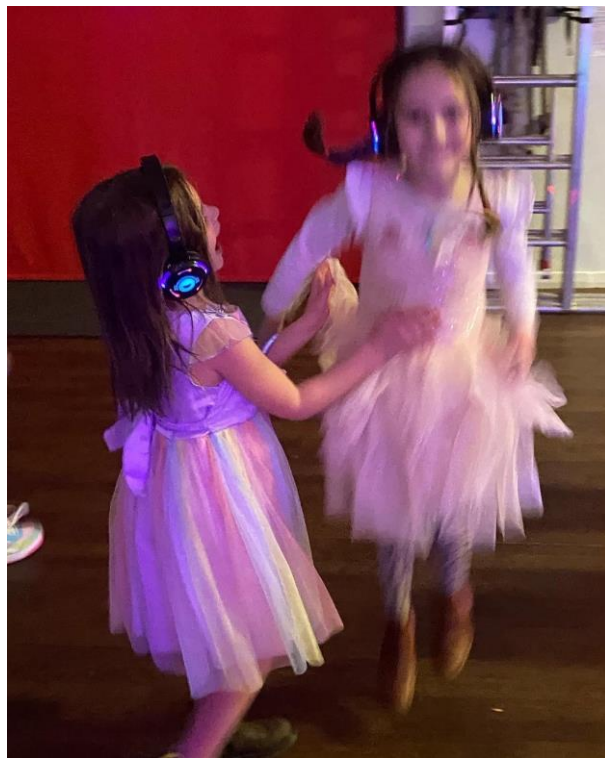
[f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

## PTFA SILENT DISCO

Thank you once again to the PTFA for organising such a super DISCO for the children. Thank you to Mr Sharman who provided the new element of a silent DISCO. The children and staff had a great time in particular Mr Scott or DJ Scott who will now be looking forward to a DJ battle with Mr Stafford at the next DISCO. Not only did the children have a great time, more funds were raised by the PTFA that will be used to support the children's learning and experiences throughout the year.









Hope you enjoyed reading the 'Fornightly'.. We will write again soon!

